

Zoning Recodification Working Group (ZRWG)
March 1, 2017
Arlington Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room
8:00-9:00am

Attendees: Steve Revilak (Town Meeting Member), Charles Kalauskas (MPIC), Nancy Flynn-Barvick (at-large), Cathie Garnett (Conservation Commission), David Watson (ARB), Ralph Willmer (MPIC), Christian Klein (ZBA), Adam Chapdelaine (Town Manager), Jenny Raitt and Laura Wiener (DPCD Staff)
Judi Barrett and Eric Halvorsen (RKG)
Guest: Marshall Audin

The meeting was opened with introductions. Meeting summary from 2/1/17 was reviewed and approved.

Judi Barrett presented a summary of the RKG memo, "Arlington Zoning Review and Reorganization Framework". Major issues fall into the following categories:

Consistency, clarity, and legal issues

Readability—too many annotations. Steve noted that the date of adoption improves the ability to unwind the why and when. Judi responded that adoption dates can be in an index, or in a left margin reference.

Graphics should be used more.

Too many districts—this is out of the scope for this project. Process to be determined.

Judi asked if we need to cross-reference with the Town's Wetlands bylaw.

Non-conforming uses and structures need to be addressed.

Administration and enforcement—much of content can be moved to Regulations, outside the Bylaw. RKG will draft updated Regs. for ZBA. EDR could become Site Plan Review, to standardize it with other communities' bylaws.

Ralph noted that the most difficult tasks are the Use Table and Dimensional Table, where changes may fall somewhere between clean-up and policy. Can we eliminate some districts now, or change district requirements so that they are a duplication, and then remove the districts as Step 2?

Judi asked whether the Town wants signs in the Zoning or Town Bylaw. Need to talk to Town Counsel.

Future meeting schedule:

1st Draft—ZBRC will review in late April

2nd Draft—ZBRC will review in June.

Public Meeting on 2nd draft—Thursday July 13, 7-9PM